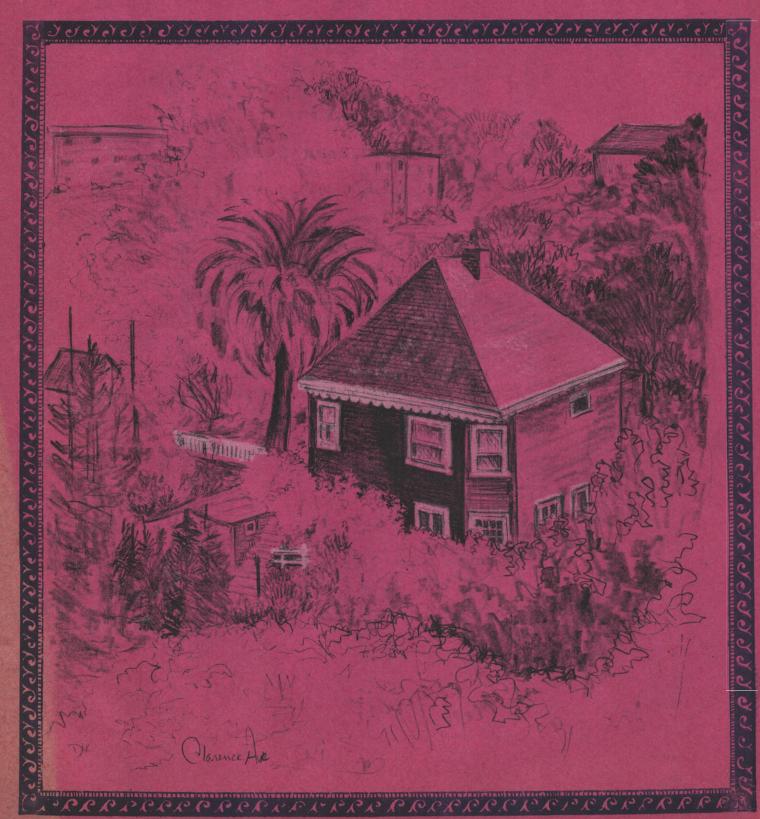
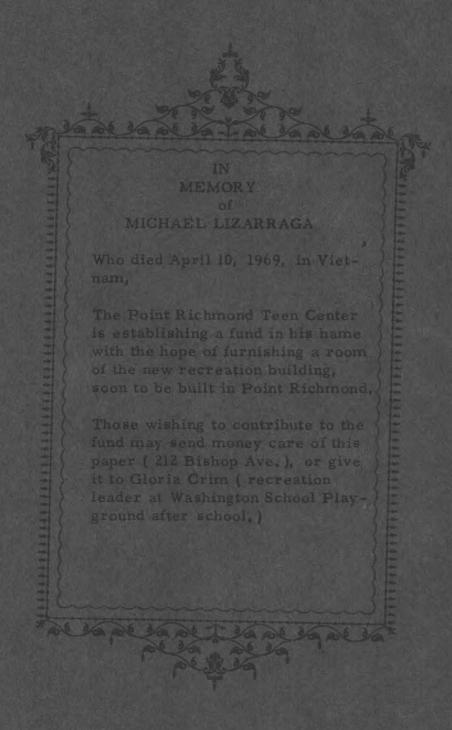
# POINT COUNTERPOINT

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## REMINISCING

with Don Church

Interesting and sometimes amusing articles from old Richmond and Point Richmond newspapers.

May 13, 1914.....

#### "ALWAYS DIG UP THE CONSTABLE

"At the latter end of last week George H. Wall, owner of the Harbor Center tract, Guy H. Stokes and a few friends took an auto trip to Mendocino County and after spending several days fishing

started for home

again.

"The roads are splendid in that direction, hence a natural inclination to forget that there are such things as speed laws. As they were spinning through the town of Cloverdale, a cow county constable hailed them and asked for a deposit of \$10.00. The official was willing to take their money and allow them to go, but

Wall and Stokes thought they could beat the game by explaining to the justice of the peace. The constable took them before the magistrate with the result that they were fined \$15.00.

"Both of these gentlemen are now of the opinion that it is safer in the future, to always take the word of the constable. "

#### "R.F. PAASCH CARRIED FROM FIRE "

"Rushing bravely into a smoke filled cottage at 448 Thirteenth Street at 5:20 o'clock last evening, Mrs. Augusta Wanske carried her 90-year-old father from the burning structure. Mrs. Wanske was badly burned about

the hands and head, but the aged man escaped without any injuries except a nervous shock.

"An oil heater exploded and the fire attracted the attention of Mrs. Wanske. A telephone call to the fire department gave the wrong number and by the time the fire truck arrived the flames had gained considerable headway. Mr. Paasch who is 90, is the father of Captain R. F. Paasch, of Fire Company No.

May 12, 1914....

#### "SANTA FE DOCK ABLAZE"

"Fire broke out on the Santa Fe Pier at Ferry Point this afternoon at 3:30. The Santa Fe shops fire siren sounded pas general alarm and fire companies 1 and 2 responded, together with all reserves. The police were also rushing to the scene. A large blaze is raging. "

Bulletin -- 4:50 p.m. "\$8, 000 damage, \$250,000 endangered.

Waiting room, office and station masters quarters destroyed. Alarm turned in shortly before the wires burned, disconnecting service with main office. Randall Russell, Chief of fire department for the Santa Fe, hero of the day, by fast work. Service will continue. Fire out.

May 7, 1921.....

The Richmond Post Office was given a first - class rating, with a total post sale for 1920 of\$43, 433.04.

May 14, 1921....

The new Richmond-San Rafael Ferry was launched, offering 45-minute ferry service.

# MODHER GOOSE

### AND OTHER PERTINENT MATTERS?

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Among the hotly discussed issues at the latest meeting of the Point Richmond Civic Group was a debate concerning the authenticity of a version of the "Three Little Pigs", as presented by one of the speakers. Debate became so heated, in fact, that it almost disrupted the meeting.

- Other relevant subjects presented for general edification included a report on the progress of the Businessmen's Association in creating a new parking area in Point Richmond, and the formation of an improvement district in order to do so. A committee of the Civic Group will work with the Businessmen in their planning. The first step in improving parking problems, a new strip of parking places along Railroad Avenue, is awaiting figures on the lease of the land from the Santa Fe Railway Company.
- Preparations for the "Population explosion" are being made by East Bay Municipal Utilities District, in the form of a new, five-thousand gallon water tank, which they propose to install on Nicholl Nob. (The tank would be three times the size of the present tank jutting up from the Nob.) Mrs. Lucretia Edwards presented the facts to the group; it takes little imagination to visualize a tank three times the size of the present one, and the amount of excavating work and tearing away of the hilltop that would be required to construct such a huge tank. The group plans to keep posted on the possibilities of placing the tank elsewhere.
- Scheduled for Monday night's agenda at the City Council is another matter that has long been a concern of Point Richmond residents. People are urged to attend the meeting in the council chambers Monday, May 12, at 8 p.m., to accompany a request by the Civic Group, the Washington School P. T. A. and the teachers and principal of Washington School, that a former City ordinance be reinstated. At the time of installation of the spur track along Cutting Blvd.

parallel to the school grounds, the people of Point Richmond objected vociferously. The track was installed, only with the stipulation that the track not be used between the hours of 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. on school days. The city ordinance providing this was rescinded in August, 1964, on request of the Santa Fe Railway Company, and without knowledge or notification of Point residents. The Washington P. T. A succeeded in obtaining a written statement from the Railway to the effect that, except in cases of emergency, the track would still not be used between the hours of 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

During this school year, use of the track has increased, and the track has been regularly used during school hours, and while classes are being dismissed. The danger of a train passing close to the school when children are leaving is obvious. Equally obvious to teachers and students is the fact that in the outer rooms, the noise level of trains passing during school hours makes it impossible to continue teaching.

The ordinance concerning train passage should be reinstated. Attend the city council meeting Monday night.

Officers elected to the Civic group for the coming year were: President: William Kretzmer; Vice President: Mrs. Bobbie MacFaden; Secretary: Mrs. Kathy Lord; Treasurer: Jack Healy. Board of directors: Jerry Allaire, Mrs. Ursula Brown, George Coles, Wayne Kleinsteiber, Charles Reynolds, Ronald Roselius, and John Werner.

The coming of summer and people away on vacation reminds us of a state-ment by a Baptist minister, who felt that, during the summer months, starting his sermons with the addresss, "Dearly beloved" made him feel that he was beginning a proposal trather than a ser-mon!

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